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## Nonprofit News

Week of October 5, 2009

### 1. Grassley Amendments Not Added to Health Care Bill

Senator Grassley proposed [two amendments that would have an effect on all exempt organizations](#) (Grassley #F-7 and #F-8) as part of the health care reform legislation drafting in the Senate Finance Committee. As the legislation was passed out of committee this week, Sen. Grassley did not pursue votes on the two amendments. Nevertheless, he inserted comments on them into the record and reserves the right to propose the language later, either as part of the health-care bill or to another piece of legislation.

### 2. Attorney General Sues 8 Individuals and 6 “Official Agency Look-Alike” Businesses

As we have previously noted, nonprofits (and small businesses) often receive mailings from private companies giving notice of corporate or other administrative filing requirements. Although these are solicitations for business, they have a “government look” format, with an official looking seal, and “official” sounding names. On October 8, 2009, [Attorney General Brown filed suit against eight individuals and six businesses](#) that operated scams targeting small business owners. The lawsuits seek to recover more than \$3 million. The defendants mailed to small businesses solicitations that appeared to be government documents featuring an official-looking seal, an official-sounding name, citations to the Corporations Code and a “reply by” date. The forms claim that the business was in danger of losing its corporate or limited liability status if payment was not made within a short period of time.

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